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Pomona Man Pleads to Murdering Girlfriend in Motel

A Pomona man pleaded no contest today to murdering his 35-year-old girlfriend at a motel two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alexander Anthony Clever, 28, entered his plea to one count of first-degree murder and admitted the special circumstance allegations that he committed mayhem and torture during the course of the murder.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Matoba of the Victim Impact Program prosecuted the case.

On Nov. 29, 2014, Clever, his girlfriend Yvette Silva, and two others went to a motel in the 2400 block of South Garey Avenue. Clever and Silva went into a bathroom and were arguing.

Their companions tried to intervene after they heard muffled screaming and saw Clever holding his unconscious girlfriend in a chokehold. They tried to free Silva and then went to get help.

Police responded and found Silva in the shower with her heart and her right lung removed from her body. She was alive when her lung was cut from her body, the prosecutor said.

Two days later, Clever was arrested outside of his house and police found a knife on him that was later tested and had the victim's DNA on it.

Clever is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 19 when he is expected to receive life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Case KA108454 was investigated by the Pomona Police Department.

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